

PROPOSED AMMENDMENTS TO:

BY-LAWS OF THE MONTANA BOARD OF EDUCATION

ARTICLE I. NAME

The legal name of the board is The Board of Education.

ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVES

The board is responsible for (1) long-range planning; (2) coordinating and evaluating policies and programs of the State's educational systems; and (3) submission of unified budget requests.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

The board consists of the seven members of the Board of Regents and the seven members of the Board of Public Education. The Governor is an ex-officio member of the board and may vote to break a tie vote. The Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Commissioner of Higher Education are ex-officio members of the board.

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

The Governor shall serve as chair of the board. The chair is responsible for: (1) calling the meetings of the board; (2) planning the agenda of the meetings, in consultation with the Commissioner of Higher Education, the Executive Director of the Board of Public Education, staff in the governor's Office, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and members of the board; (3) presiding at board meetings; and (4) ensuring that the board faithfully executes its Constitutional and statutory duties.

The chair of the board of Regents and the chair of the Board of Public Education will serve alternate years as vice-chair of the Board of Education. In the absence of the chair, the vice-chair will preside. The vice-chair shall have full authority to fulfill the duties of chair should the chair not fulfill those duties for any reason.

The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall serve as secretary to the board.

ARTICLE V. MEETINGS

The board shall meet not less than twice a year. The meeting dates shall be concurrent with ~~the January~~ a meeting of the Board of Regents and ~~with the September~~ a meeting of the Board of Public Education.

ARTICLE VI. QUORUM

A majority of the appointed members of the board shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VII. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

The presiding officer of any meeting of the board may close the meeting if the presiding officer determines that the demands of individual privacy clearly exceed the merits of public disclosure.

ARTICLE VIII. ORDER OF BUSINESS

The following shall be the regular order of business:

1. Roll call
2. Approve minutes
3. Old Business update
4. New business
5. Adjournment

ARTICLE IX. PARLIAMENTARY LAW

On questions of parliamentary law, Robert's Rules of Order shall prevail.

ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS

These by-laws may be added to or amended by a majority vote at any meeting of the board provided a quorum is present.

APPROVED:

Governor Schweitzer
Chair of the Board of Education

Superintendent Linda McCulloch
Secretary to the Board of Education